

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

The new Rendition case against the only prisoner now remaining of the three arrested several months ago on a charge of burglary and murder has been going on before Mr. Mackoon for several weeks. The facts are much of the same nature as those revealed in the last charge against the man. He is said to have formed part of a band that robbed a certain place and murdered certain people.

Evidence of a certain kind has been given in support of the allegations, and we believe the case for the prosecution has finished. Mr Denny, who defends the prisoner, has asked that Li Ioi, the Mandarin on whose information the prisoner was detained, should be called and examined. The Court has agreed to call the Mandarin, and examine him. Mr Denny, however, also asks that he be allowed to cross-examine this man as he has a number of very important questions to put to him. Mr Mackean was not quite sure whether he could grant Mr

Our morning contemporary, who does not seem to understand the philosophy of 'letting well alone,' makes some very unnecessary remarks upon the decision that has been arrived at to hold the Jubilee celebration in Hongkong on the 9th November next. 'The 'unique decision' to postpone the celebration until the cool weather was severely enough criticised in these columns some time ago; but we entirely fail to see what good can now be accomplished by again harping upon the same theme. It would appear that our writer

array. It would appear that the celebration has been asleep for the last two months or more, and has suddenly awoken to a fact which had been quietly pig-toe-holed ever since its slumbers commenced. Now that the statue in honour of His Majesty the Queen has been decided upon, and the preparations for the rejoicings are being quietly proceeded with, it seems to us a very purposeless course to pursue, at this particular time, to rake up the question which took so much pains to get finally settled. The writer in the *Pictorial* (as we have said) seems to be a sort of Rip Van Winkle, boldly suggests the abandonment of the celebration on the 9th of Nov-

member. He says:—

It would be taken as a very doubtful compliment to Her Majesty to celebrate her Jubilee long after the event, and on another anniversary. It would be a waste of money without adequate excuse. It would be to attempt to give no indication of the probability of any residents, distinguished with the whole self it through its mismanagement, would refuse to take part in. Far better will it be, therefore, to recognize the fact that the Jubilee is over and done with; that no paganist or fide, however geographically and organically, is to be regarded as other than a mere selfish excuse for a childish holiday. Let the money that would be squandered in objectless far works and illuminations for Her Majesty will—be preserved for the welfare of the people. You are not a nation.

the proposed festivities, keeps his birthday in England - be devoted to the commemoration of the fund for procuring a statue of the Queen, thereby not committing that Hongkong can now offer to the sovereign whose name his city bears. The writer also points out that the long reign of the colony cannot be a hindrance.

Apart from the free-and-easy manner which the writer suggests that aims at being described for a public rejoicing should be economical and appropriate to a statue, apart from the public rejoicing, the suggestion to celebrate the entire funds upon a statue might have been held over until the result of the subscription lists were known. The Hon. C. P. Chater appears to be confident that

the loyalty of this Colony will be equal to the strain that is being placed upon it." It is not, then, some modification of the present programme, may be considered necessary. In the meantime, however, the Government is not prepared to alter in one week the decision arrived at in the week previous, does not reflect much credit on the resolution of the Government, or the steadiness of purpose of the community. It must be remembered that the Chinese have subscribed handsomely towards the carrying out of the European programme. The native community is making extensive preparations for the occasion, and it is not for them to have their own rejoicings; and for this reason, if no other, it would be most undesirable

review, or go back upon, the programme that has now been, after much tribulation, decided upon.

The *Shanghai Courier* says that Mr Gladstone, the second owner of the *Kaituma*, the fortunate holder of the ticket for the second prize of the Manila lottery.

Dr Focke, Consul-General for Germany at Shanghai, left there on the 8th inst. in the *Tokio Maru* on a two months' leave for Japan. We hear that Dr Focke's state of health has necessitated a change of climate.—*Shanghai Correspondent*.

We lately gave an account of a tiger hunt near the Carlovo gaves in Khandahin in M.

the Glendale Hotel, was severely maul-
ed by a tiger which, however, he eventually
killed. We observe from the Indian paper
that Major Lyons died in the Sasebo
hospital on 17th June from the injuries
sustained.

People who only buy curios that are "ir-
regular" will have a fine chance; says the *Ni-*
on Daily News, this month at Kioto, as an ex-
hibition is to be opened at the Zoodiyu,
which nothing is to be added that is more
than one thousand years old. The relics
the curio-makers will evidently be exert-
ing to the utmost, but who is to judge whether
the antiquities exhibited are really as old
as the curio-makers profess them to be! How-
ever, the winter came out of the show we
have the primeval stamp of great au-
thority, which is quite enough for many
collectors, who are generally satisfied that
the antiquity of pottery has the mark of
dynasty that flourished a thousand years
ago, it cannot have been made at any re-
cent date.

